

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

I. Discussion of Claim Amendments

The Examiner's allowance of claims 19, 21-22 and 23/19 and the indication of allowability of claims 4-10, 13, 16 and 18 subject to their presentation in independent form are noted appreciatively by the applicants.

By way of the amendment instructions above, each of the claims indicated to be allowable has been recast in independent form. Thus, the subject matter of claim 4 has now been incorporated into claim 1; prior claims 1 and 8 have been combined; prior claims 1, 11 and 12 have been combined with claim 13; and prior claim 1 has been combined with claim 18. Claims 3-4, 11-12 and 14 have been cancelled.

Thus, upon entry of the present amendment claims 1-2, 5-10, 13, 15-19 and 21-23 directed to subject matter having been allowed or indicated to be allowed will remain pending herein. As such, withdrawal of the art-based rejection advanced under 35 USC §103(a) is in order.

II. Response to Drawing Objection

An objection was raised under 37 CFR §1.83(a) since the "device" of claims 1 and 19 and the "eyes" of claims 4-7 allegedly must be depicted.¹ Reconsideration and withdrawal of such objection is requested.

Applicants note in this regard that a drawing must be submitted "...where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." 37 CFR §1.81(a). Here, no drawing is in fact needed since the "device" and the "eyes" are highly conventional structures in and of themselves. Indeed, a cable "eye", or an "eye"

¹ No drawings were filed originally with the subject application, so the Examiner's objection is being treated as a requirement that a drawing be submitted.

generally, is a loop structure through which something may be inserted. Moreover, the “device” employed in accordance with the present invention may be any stick-shaped implement as described in the originally filed specification (see, page 4, lines 12-14, and lines 22-24, for example) that may be inserted into the “eye” of the cable so as to exert a torsion force thereon.

It is suggested that skilled persons in this art need not be provided with a graphical depiction of a stick-shaped object inserted into an “eye” of the cable. Thus, since no drawing is in fact required under 37 USC §1.81(a), a graphical depiction of the claimed cable “eye” and “device” need not be presented according to 37 CFR §1.83(a). Withdrawal of this objection is therefore in order.

III. Conclusion

Every effort has been made to advance prosecution of this application to allowance. Therefore, in view of the amendments and remarks above, applicants suggest that this application is in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

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IV. Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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